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Inquiry:

- (1) Can RT's write verbal and telephone orders regarding HBO TX's, medication, and home care visits?
- (2) Can RT's call in new prescriptions or refills to pharmacies, per a doctor's verbal or telephone order? (Why is it that medical assistants in doctor's offices across the country can do this?)
- (3) Can we do "SOAPing" each time a patient comes in for a doctor visit? (The doctor also documents and signs this progress note with each visit. [sic].)

Response: The RCB classifies the tasks you listed as follows:

(1) Classification 1A; which is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA). Please refer to Section 3702(e) for more information.

(2) Classification 1C; which is not verbatim from the RCPA but, in the Respiratory Care Board's judgment, inferred and allowed. The RCB advises that a "respiratory care protocol," as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA, be developed for this procedure.

(3) Classification 1A; which is nearly verbatim from the RCPA.

Please refer to Section 3702 for more information.

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